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SUBJECT: GVN- PRG BILATERALS: 10 TH PLENARY, MAY 9, 1973

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1. SUMMARY: THE DEADLOCK CONTINUED AS EACH SIDE REFUSED DISCUSSIONS ON ANY BUT ITS OWN TERMS. VIEN (GVN) MADE A FRANK STATEMENT THAT MUTUAL MISTRUST PRECLUDED ATTEMPTS TO SETTLE THE MILITARY SITUATION AS A FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THE TALKS, BUT THAT ONLY A COMPREHENSIVE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SOLUTION WOULD PROVE EFFECTIVE. HE RENEWED EARLIER GVN PROPOSALS FOR SECRET MEETINGS AND TASK FORCES ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. HIEU (PRG) CASTIGATED US AND GVN BEHAVIOUR. HE REJECTED AN OVERALL SOLUTION, AND INSISTED UPON IMMEDIATE DISCUSSION OF CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES BEFORE ANY CONSIDERATION OF POLITICAL MATTERS OCCURRED. MORE INVECTIVE THAN INFORMATION EMERGED AT POST- SESSION PRESS CONFERENCES. SAU (PRG) DWELT ON GVN CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND REJECTED THE OFFER OF PRIVATE TALKS. DAN (GVN) TRIED TO ADDRESS THE " POLITICAL PRISONER" ISSUE AND GAVE LENGHTY JUSTIFICATION OF GVN LOCAL ELECTIONS. THE TWO SIDES MEET AGAIN MAY 17.
END SUMMARY.

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2. DEPUTY PRIMIN VIEN, CHIEF GVN DELEGATE, ATTEMPTED TO PRESENT THE RATIONALE FOR THE GVN APRIL 25 PROPOSALS. HE CLAIMED THAT THE GVN PLA, IN U. K. 2 WEEKS, VISIT IN DEARBORN, MICH., 3 MONTHS, ASAP. ANNENBERG

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(HIEU CITED THE PRESIDENT' S STATE- OF- THE- WORLD MESSAGE IN ALLEGED EVIDENCE.) HE DEMANDED THAT THE US OBSERVE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGHOUT ALL INDOCHINA.

6. THE SVN TALKS, HIEU CONCLUDED, SHOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATE DISCUSSIONS ON CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND OBSERVANCE OF THE CEASE- FIRE. NO PROGRESS TOWARDS A POLITICAL SOLUTION COULD TAKE PLACE IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EFFECTIVE CEASE- FIRE. HE REITERATED THREE SPECIFIC MILITARY MEASURES PROPOSED BY THE PRG, I. E., ENDING ALL GVN MILITARY AND POLICE OPERATIONS, HOLDING MEETINGS BETWEEN LOCAL COMMANDERS AND DELINEATION BY THE TPJMC OF ZONES OF CONTROL AND ACCESS CORRIDORS.

7. THERE WERE NO SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES AFTER THE READING OF THE PREPARED STATEMENTS . IT WAS AGREED TO RECONVENE MAY 17. ON DEPARTURE VIEN REMARKED THAT IT HAD TAKEN FOUR YEARS TO DESIGN THE JANUARY CEASE- FIRE AND IT WAS INCUMBENT UPON THE PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT IT, NOT TO EMBARK UPON AN EFFORT TO IMPROVISE A NEW ONE.

8. THE PRESS CONFERENCES BEGAN WITH LONG PREFATORY
REMARKS BY SAU (PRG). REFERRING TO AN ALLEGED GVN LETTER
OF APRIL 14 INSTRUCTING PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES (IN THIS
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CASE, THOSE OF GIA DINH) TO ATTEND A RECEPTION WELCOMING
PRES THIEU ON HIS RETURN FROM AB ORLEANS -

WIFE TO ACCOMPANY ON EAST COAST AND VISIT SHOULD BE
PLANNED SO THAT SHE COULD VISIT SOME HISTORICAL SITES
AT WILLIAMSBURG, PHILADELPHIA, BOSTON WITH HIM.
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